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## COURTS LAUNCH ONLINE JUROR QUALIFICATION

A notice from the court for jury service often results in rolled eyes and creative excuses as to why one is unable to serve. But in reality, after jurors have served, they find the experience gratifying and rewarding. The Utah State Courts are working to change the poor image jury service has by making it easier for the public to serve.

As of July 5, jurors statewide will have the ability to register for jury service online. Currently, potential jurors receive a qualification letter from the court, which they fill out and mail back to the court. The online program allows potential jurors to fill out the juror qualification form online at <a href="www.utcourts.gov/juryroom">www.utcourts.gov/juryroom</a> by entering a juror number and date of birth. Potential juror then submit the qualification form with the click of a mouse.

Potential jurors are selected at random from voter registration and driver's license lists.

Questions to qualify for jury service include age, citizenship, county residence, ability to speak English, and special scheduling requests.

## Online Juror Qualification/2

"We are continually looking for ways to simplify access to the courts," said Utah State

Court Administrator Dan Becker. "Online juror qualification is a quick and easy alternative to
qualifying for jury duty. "Becker added that jurors are not required to register online and are
still able to mail the juror qualification letter to the court. Online juror qualification is available
only for jurors called for cases in Utah's District Courts. In addition to the qualification form, the
juror web page includes useful information such as a juror video and answers to frequently asked
questions about jury service.

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